

# **KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED DIABETES EDUCATORS (KBLDE)**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board Licensed Diabetes Educators was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on March 21, 2012.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kim Coy DeCoste, Board Chair  
Larry Smith  
Dr. Mehdi Poorkay  
Carrie L. Isaacs, Secretary  
Carolyn L. Dennis

## **Occupations and Professions Staff**

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator

## **Others**

Angela Evans – Office of The Attorney  
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## **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Diabetes Educators was called to order by Board Chair Kim Coy DeCoste at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at The Office of Occupations and Professions. A quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Larry Smith made a motion to accept the minutes dated February 22, 2012 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Carrie Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Not Available

## **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS**

The Board received a resignation e-mail from Deputy Executive Director Jeremy who resigned from his position effective February 29, 2012. Marcia Egbert reported that Executive Director Courtney Bourne asked her to explain to the Board that there are too many boards and too few in management to have someone from management to sit in on all Board meetings. She also stated per Ms. Egbert, that she maintains an open door policy and would be glad to come when needed but requested that the Board try and give her 48 hours' notice so that she can arrange her schedule to be at the meeting if needed. The Board was also informed that if anyone from Fiscal was needed at any time, they would be available.

## **BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Senate Bill 198: It was decided not to submit the per diem section of the bill. It was felt that it would move from the House to the Senate more quickly if the per diem was not in the bill. If it

doesn't get on the consent calendar, everyone will need to make contact with the legislators. Attorney Angela Evans wrote a letter to the Committee defining the practice of diabetes education and the reasoning for the need of the amendment. In her letter she stated that SB 198 in its original form created and protected the *title* of Diabetes Educator, but not the *practice* of diabetes education. If SB 198 remains as a title act, individuals providing false or misleading diabetes information to the public would not be subject to any punishments, as long as they did not use the title "Diabetes Educator". While a title act is sufficient for many professions, it was apparently the intent of supporters of SB 198 to not just limit the individuals who could use the title "Diabetes Educator" but protect the practice of diabetes education itself and ensure those who provide diabetes education meet minimum education requirements. Therefore, the amendment is necessary to fulfill the intention of the supporters. KRS 309.331 states that the Attorney General, Commonwealth's attorneys and county attorneys shall assist in prosecuting violations of the Diabetes Educator laws. However, there are no penalties attached to violating KRS 309.325 to 309-339. The omission of penalties seems to be an oversight, as the intent of SB 198 was clearly to impose criminal penalties for violations of the laws. The Amendment request will be heard on March 22, 2012.

### **BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Ms. Angela Evans asked to table to the next meeting the drafts and questions pertaining to the Laws and Regulations. Ms. Evans will draft regulations and send out for review prior to the next meeting regarding who is eligible to apply, the Complaint Procedure, Fees and the Code of Ethics.

The Board requested that Ms. Evans include the following in the drafts in the drafts:

- Complaint Committee will consist of the entire Board.
- Licensure fee set at \$50
- The date of November 1 of each year will be the renewal date
- Late fee would be applied on the 31<sup>st</sup> to 90<sup>th</sup> day past the renewal date
- At some time the Board might consider an application fee

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board continued discussion of the survey for all interested public parties pertaining to establishing the scope, standards and regulations for licensing Diabetes Educators and uses of the website..

- Chair DeCoste asked that a copy of the results of the surveys be sent to Larry Williams.
- The Board will highlight certain points from the survey to be sent to professional state communication newsletters before next meeting.
- After the survey goes down on May 1, a Comment/Question Page can be created for the website by Jeff Boler.
- The Board instructed Marcia Egbert to start placing the approved minutes on the website.
- The Board decided to not put draft regulations on the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board tabled the discussion of applications to the next Board meeting. Marcia Egbert was asked to bring sample applications from other Boards to the next meeting for review.

## **TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Carolyn Dennis made a motion to approve travel and per diem for the meeting dated March 21, 2012. The motion was seconded by Carrie Isaacs. The motion carried unanimously.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

April 25, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – There was no meeting room available for April 25, 2012 at the Occupation and Professions Office. Carolyn Dennis made a call to Donita Crittenden to see if we could meet in the conference room at the Legislative Ethics Commission. They agreed for us to meet in their conference room from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Their office is located at 22 Mill Creek Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The phone number is 502-573-2863. Directions will be sent to Board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Carolyn Dennis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carrie Isaacs and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Kim DeCoste at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator